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Where do I begin?

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## South Dakota Pathways for Graduation

WHAT do I want? What are  
my choices?

What will I do?...how do I find  
out?

**What** do I need to take next  
year?

**What** courses are the best for  
me?

Ask your Parents  
Ask your Counselor

## Pathways? What are they?

State Law SDCL 13-33-19 requires all students to complete the recommended high school program called the "Advanced" path, but if a parent (or legal guardian) and the school agree that the student should take the "Standard" or basic curriculum, parents may sign a form that will allow the student to graduate meeting the basic high school program.

Pathways include:

- STANDARD
- ADVANCED – *recommended for SD students*
- DISTINGUISHED.

## What are the Pathways?

### Standard

This course selection guide meets basic graduation requirements and is designed to prepare students for entry-level jobs and some technical programs.

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## Standard

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***-See your school counselor***

English/Reading & Communication Arts  
(4 units total)

- Writing (1.5 units)
- Literature (1.5 units, including .5 Am Lit and .5 Speech)

## Standard – cont.

Social Studies (3 units total)

- U.S. History ( 1 unit)
- U.S. Government (.5 unit)
- Geography (.5 unit)
- World History (.5 unit)
- S.S. Elective (.5 unit)

Mathematics (3 units total)

- Math Elective—3 units

*\*Must include Algebra I*

## Standard – cont.

Science (2 units of Lab Science)

- Science Electives –2 units

Fine Arts (1 unit)

- Elective -1 unit

Health or Physical Education (.5 unit)

- .5 unit

Economics or Personal Finance (.5 unit)

- .5 unit

## Standard – cont.

Required Offerings: students must select

- 2 units—any combination of
  - a. World Language, or
  - b. Computer Studies; or
  - c. Career and Tech Education courses, or
  - d. Math courses in addition to meeting the math requirement above, or
  - e. Science courses in addition to meeting the science requirement above.

## Standard – cont.

Electives (6.0 units)

- 6 units

**Total Credits - 22 Units**

## Advanced Pathway

This course selection meets the academic standards and fulfills the minimum course requirements for admission to most highly technical fields of study at technical institutes. These course selections will meet entrance requirements for South Dakota public universities.



## Advanced

### English/Reading & Communication Arts (4 units total)

- Writing-1.5 units
- Literature-1.5 units, including  
.5 Am Lit and .5 Speech

### Social Studies (3 units total)

- U.S. History - 1 unit
- U.S. Government-.5 unit
- Geography-.5 unit
- World History-.5 unit
- S.S. Elective—.5 unit

## Advanced – cont.

### Mathematics (3 units or higher)

- Math Elective - 3 units

\* Must include Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry

### Science (3 units of Lab Science)

- Science Elective—1 unit
- Biology—1 unit
- Chemistry or Physics -1 unit

## Advanced – cont.

### Fine Arts (1 unit)

- Elective - 1 unit

### Health or Physical Education (.5 unit)

- .5 unit

### Economics or Personal Finance (.5 unit)

- .5 unit

## Advanced – cont.

Required Offerings: students must select

- 2 units—any combination of

- World Language, or
- Computer Studies; or
- Career and Tech Education courses, or
- Math courses in addition to meeting the math requirement above, or
- Science courses in addition to meeting the science requirement above.

## Advanced – cont.

### Electives (5.0 unit)

### Total Credits 22 units

\* Notation on Transcript indicating advanced path.

## Distinguished \* Pathway

Meets the highest level of academic standards and fulfills the minimum course requirements for admission to most major universities and colleges. Taking this pathway of study satisfies the requirements of the SD Board of Regents Scholar program - one of the qualifiers for the SD Opportunity Scholarship.



## Distinguished \*

*\*denotes offerings required to meet the SD Opportunities Scholarship*

### English/Reading & Communication Arts (4 units total)\*

- Writing-1.5 units
- Literature-1.5 units, including .5 Am Lit and .5 Speech

### Social Studies (3 units total)\*

- U.S. History - 1 unit
- U.S. Government-.5 unit
- Geography-.5 unit
- World History-.5 unit
- S.S. Elective—.5 unit



## Distinguished \* – cont.

### Mathematics (4 units total) \*

- Math Elective - 4 units

*\* Must include Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry*

### Science (4 units - 3 units must be lab) \*

- Science Lab Elective -1 unit
- Biology -1 unit
- Chemistry -1 unit
- Science Elective - 1 unit

### Fine Arts (1 unit) \*

- Elective -1 unit

### Health/Physical Education (.5 unit)

- .5 unit



## Distinguished \* – cont.

### Economics or Personal Finance (.5 unit)

- .5 unit

### World Language (2 units) \*

- 2 units of the same language

### Computer Science (.5 unit) \*

- .5 unit

### Electives (2.5 units)

- 2.5 units

### **Total Credits - 22 Units**

*\* Notation on Transcript indicating distinguished path.*



## WHERE do I go?

- Talk to your parents
- Ask your counselor
- Internet resources



If “in doubt” ask questions!

America's future walks  
through the doors of our  
schools every day.

- Mary Jean LeTendre